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SUBJECT: REVERSE PREFERENCES FOR THE MAGHREB

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1. DURING OUR DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS OF THE JUNE 25-26 EC COUNCIL MEETING (REF A), MICHAEL BUTLER, HEAD OF THE EUROPEAN INTEGRATION DEPARTMENT AT THE FOREIGN OFFICE, RECOMMENDED THAT THE US GOVERNMENT APPROACH THE GOVERNMENTS OF MOROCCO, TUNISIA AND ALGERIA AT THIS
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TIME IN ORDER TO REAFFIRM US VIEWS ON REVERSE

PREFERENCES.

2. AS WE REPORTED IN REF A, THE BRITISH CONSIDER THAT THE RESULTS OF THE COUNCIL'S DISCUSSION ON RECIPROCITY FOR THE MAGHREB WERE NOT CLEAR. SOME PARTICIPANTS APPARENTLY BELIEVE THAT THE MATTER HAS BEEN SETTLED IN FAVOR OF A TWO-WAY FREE TRADE AREA (SEE, FOR EXAMPLE, THE VIEWS OF SOAMES AND WELLENSTEIN CITED IN PARA 10 REF B). THE UK, ON THE OTHER HAND, CONSIDERS THAT THE ISSUE OF RECIPROCITY IS STILL OPEN.

3. BRITISH OFFICIALS HAVE ALSO TOLD US THAT THE AMBASSADORS OF THE THREE MAGHREB COUNTRIES INFORMED THE BELGIAN COUNCIL PRESIDENT THAT THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO GRANT REVERSE PREFERENCES TO THE COMMUNITY (SEE REF B). BUTLER CONSIDERS THAT THERE IS STILL ROOM FOR MANEUVER, HOWEVER. THE ALGERIANS HAVE OPPOSED REVERSE PREFERENCES IN THE PAST, AND THE TREATY OF ALGECIRAS MAY MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR MOROCCO TO GRANT THEM. BUTLER BELIEVES THAT A DISCREET AND TIMELY RESTATEMENT OF US VIEWS ON REVERSE PREFERENCES TO THE THREE MAGHREB GOVERNMENTS COULD BE HELPFUL IN THIS FLUID SITUATION. THE COMMUNITY WOULD FIND IT VERY DIFFICULT TO ADOPT A TWO-WAY FREE TRADE AREA APPROACH FOR THE MAGHREB, BUTLER SAID, IF THE THREE GOVERNMENTS MADE IT CLEAR THAT THEY WERE OPPOSED TO REVERSE PREFERENCES.

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